

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Alison and I am from Naugatuck. I am writing in support of SB 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. It is imperative that we ensure that all immigrant children have healthcare.

I do not have a specific story to share. I do not know anyone by name who would directly benefit from this bill. My personal connection to this issue is a moral one. Everyone must have access to healthcare, *especially* children. Living in a place where there are children who are denied healthcare takes a toll on all of us. In order to build healthy communities we must prioritize the health of every person. We *must* take care of each other.

I strongly support this bill and urge the committee to support it as well. I hope that this bill will pass and that we can then set our sights on expanding access to all immigrants regardless of age.

Thank you for your time,
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